

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the official action dated April 18, 2007.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants have today electronically submitted an IDS with the search results provides in the Search Report furnished by the EU Patent Office.

Claim rejections under 35 USC § 112

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-9 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. Amendments have been made to overcome this rejection.

Claim rejections under 35 USC § 102

The Examiner rejected claim1 as being anticipated by USP 4,351,575 (Röck et al.). Applicant respectfully submitted reconsideration of the rejection. The Röck reference does show rollers that are mounted in the same cage which are offset with respect to one another, but the offset rolls do NOT roll on the same tracks, but instead the rolls are arranged on different tracks and are arranged laterally offset. In contrast, Applicants claim that "...rollers (30) which are mounted in the same cage (22) so as to be rotatable about the horizontal axis and roll on the same tracks in each case". Applicants objective with this invention is to provide anti-friction bearings which are constructed in a manner which is known *per se* as cylindrical rollers which are retained in the associated cage so as to be rotatable transversely with respect to the pull-out direction about a horizontal or vertical axis in each case, and which can roll on elongate planar tracks constructed on the respectively associated rails. At least some of the rollers which are mounted so as to be rotatable about the horizontal axis are disposed in the respectively associated cage so as to be offset with respect to one another laterally in the direction of their longitudinal central axes relative to other rollers which are mounted in the same cage so as to be rotatable about the horizontal axis and roll on the same tracks in each case. The laterally offset arrangement of the load-transmitting rollers in the cage makes it possible to widen the tracks in the rails which co-operate with the laterally offset rollers, so that the loading of the track is reduced and thus the loading capacity of the pull-out guide

overall is improved. Röck clearly does not have rollers which are mounted in the same cage so as to be rotatable about the horizontal axis and roll on the same tracks in each case. As is shown in Figures 4, 8, 10 and 14, Röck provides rollers mounted in the same cage which are offset with respect to one another laterally.

Applicant respectfully advises the Examiner that during the International Search, the Röck reference was uncovered (see Search Report AT 360 699, which corresponds to US 4,351,575) and the independent claim was at that time amended to include the feature discussed above, that is, that the offset rolls roll on the same track, which made such claim patentable in the International Preliminary Examination. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report is enclosed to this response.

Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over the prior art of record. The subject matter of remaining claims 2-9 were already held.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

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